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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

1. JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS HAVE SEIZED AMERICAN AND MALAYSIAN HOSTAGES IN KUALA LUMPUR, AT ELEVEN AM LOCAL TIME AUGUST 4. SEVERAL HOURS LATER THEY SEIZED SWEDISH CHARGE AND HIS SECRETARY WHO WERE ON THE SAME FLOOR OF THE BUILDING IN WHICH OUR EMBASSY IS LOCATED. THEIR DEMANDS ON JAPANESE AUTHORITIES CALL FOR RELEASE OF JAPANESE TERRORISTS IMPRISONED IN JAPAN INCLUDING TWO WHO HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO GOJ BY SWEDISH GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE HAGUE INCIDENT.

2. TERRORISTS ARE THREATENING TO KILL HOSTAGES IF THEIR DEMANDS NOT MET WITHIN FEW HOURS BUT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO PERSUADE THEM TO EXTEND DEADLINE. MALAYSIAN POLICE ARE ON THE SCENE IN FORCE AND JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS BEEN TALKING WITH TERRORISTS.

3. OUR OBJECTIVE IS OBVIOUSLY TO TRY TO SECURE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES AND WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT MALAYSIANS WILL DO THEIR BEST. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. WE WILL NOT HOWEVER PUSH THEM TO ACCEPT TERRORIST DEMANDS. WE HAVE ADVISED THEM

THAT IT IS UP TO THEM AND THE MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES
HOW THEY RESPOND.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED SWEDISH CHARGE OF THE ABOVE
INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT
APPROPRIATE LEVEL SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND INFORM THEM
OF THE EVENTS AND OUR VIEWS THEREON. WE WILL KEEP
SWEDISH EMBASSY HERE AND YOU INFORMED OF ANY LATER
DEVELOPMENTS. KEEP US INFORMED BY FLASH CABLE OF ANY
DISCUSSIONS YOU HAVE WITH SWEDES. INGERSOLL

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